Road in Madhya Pradesh

554. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central India is one of the poorest beneficiaries of the major infrastructure project in the road sector funded by Petrol and Diesel Cess such as Golden quadrilateral and the East-West Corridor;

(b) the extent of coverage of Madhya Pradesh in the East-West corridors; and

(c) the reasons for not extending full benefit to Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) 110 kilometers.

(c)The roads under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) have been taken keeping in view the high density traffic corridors and connectivity to metro cities in India. North-South and East-West Corridor **pass** through the State of Madhya Pradesh. Accordingly the roads of Madhya Pradesh have also been considered under NHDP for a length of about 635 km.

Funds from Central Road Fund

555. SHRI R. KAMARAJ:
SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received from the State Governments for releasing funds from the Central Road Fund;

(b) whether Government have cleared all the proposals;